

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 10, 2004. Claims 1-4, 8, 10-16, 25-28, 32, 34-42, 46, and 48-60 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 25, 39, 54, and 56-60 are in independent form. Claims 6, 30, and 44¹, the only claims not previously allowed, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Claims 1, 8, 25, and 34 have been amended as to matters of form and/or to correct typographical errors. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-4, 8, 10-16, 25-28, 32, 34-42, 46, and 48-60.

Claims 6, 30, and 44, the only rejected claims, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Cancellation of these claims renders the rejection to these claims moot.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner

¹Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary sheet apparently erroneously indicates that Claims 8, 30, and 44 are rejected. Applicant believes that the Office Action Summary sheet should read that Claims 6, 30, and 44 are rejected, as indicated in the Detailed Action. Accordingly, Applicant further believes that Claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald A. Clayton", written over a horizontal line.

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